

Docket 60682
Serial No. 10/735,386

PATENT APPLICATION

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action on the merits dated June 27, 2005. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 21-24 stand withdrawn due to a previous restriction requirement. Claims 16-20 stand allowed. By the foregoing amendment, claim 9 has been canceled and claims 1, 10, and 13 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1-8 and 10-20 remain in this application with claims 1 and 16 being independent.

IN THE CLAIMS:

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 10 and 13 stands rejected as being indefinite as these claims refer to "said rollers" while claim 1 from which they depend refers only to "at least one roller." Claims 10 and 13 have been amended to refer to "said roller" and to "said series of rollers," respectively. These amendments are now appropriate and provide proper antecedent in view of an amendment to claim 1 as described below. Accordingly, claims 10 and 13 should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

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35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 Rejections:

Claims 1-2, 7 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,148,995 to Hurst. Further, claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hurst in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,531,386 to Jensen. And claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hurst in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,863,001 to Schulz. However, the examiner has indicated that claims 3-6, 8-9, and 14 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (i.e. claim 1) but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, the examiner indicated that claims 10 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112 rejections as well as all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 9 and claim 9 has been canceled. Therefore, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance along with claims 2-8 and claims 10-15 which depend therefrom and such is respectfully requested.

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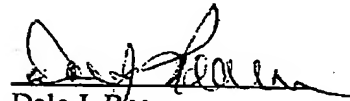
This application should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested. If the examiner has any suggestions that would place this application in even better condition for allowance, she is invited to contact the applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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